resolution of Inter-State aspects. Since this Project involves Inter-State aspects, it is not feasible to indicate any time frame for clearance of this Project by the CEA.

Submission of Reports by the High Power Committee

1. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) how many interim and other reports were submitted to Government by the High Power Committee set up to look into the interests of the employees of those units where Central pattern of dearness allowance existed;

(b) what is the total number of recommendations made in all these reports and which of them have been accepted, implemented, and not accepted by Government;

(c) when was the consideration of the third Interim Report completed; and

(d) what is Government's response to its recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) The High Power Pay Committee submitted three interim reports i.e. in March, 1987, December, 87 and July/August, 1988 and their final report to the Government on 24-11-1988. In the first interim report submitted in March, 1987, the Committee recommended payment of two instalments of interm relief at Central Government rates effective from 1-1-1986 for employees drawing a basic pay in excess of Rs. 1000/- p.m. and release of instalments of ADAs/ Ad-hoc DAs at third CPC rates of dearness allowance. In the second interim report, the Committee recommended payment of additional instalment of I.R. @10% of basic pay subject to a minimum of Rs. 50/-. the Committee also recommended enhancement of ceiling for payment of H.R.A. without production of rent receipt. Ceilings on payment of CCA were also enhanced. These enhanced ceilings were made effective from 1-4-87. The recommendations made in the second report were effective from 1-12-1987. The third report recommended payment of HRA on slab basis related to the basic pay ranges and were made effective from 1-1-1988. Orders were issued on the third interim report on 10-8-88. The recommendations made in the three interim reports were accepted by the Government. In the final report, the HPPC has recommended that the employees working in public enterprises under the Central Govt. DA pattern should be allowed the Fourth Pay Commission Central Govt. DA Pattern. The scales of pay recommended by the Committee are comparable to the scales of pay recommended by the Fourth Pay Commission for Govt. servants. The Committee has also recommended rationalisation of certain perquisities like leave encashment, LTC etc. the recommendations made by the HPPC in their final report are under consideration of the Government.

Contract for Kawas Power Project

2. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that French consortium led by Alsthom was re-invited for quotation and won the contract for Kawas Power Project; if so, what were the original and requoted amounts;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to delay in this process there